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**RE: Land Use Enforcement** 

Dear Commissioner Grands to H

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of this month, I turned in a letter you concerning land use enforcement in Ravalli County. At the bottom of that letter was my mailing address. No comment, reassurance or other communication was sent regarding this issue. The following is a proposal to protect the residents of Ravalli County as is not happening at present. With this said, it is up to Ravalli County to install a measure to protect the public immediately. If the county does so, it should reap benefit for taking action on the part of the county.

I am proposing an action group composing of the:

- 1. Planning Department Head
- 2. Environmental Health Department Head
- 3. County Sheriff
- 4. County Attorney
- 5. Commissioners (5)
- 6. Invited non-voting County employee (e.g. Health Board Chairman, other)

This group could be called the Land Use Enforcement Action Group (LUEAG pronounced LU-AG) and could meet once a month in a conference room at lunch. The minutes of this group would be public, but would enjoy executive session (closed) while debating response on endangerment and petitions for help from county residents.

Of the 10 voting members, a quorum would be established at 5 members attending. The plan would be to discuss options to land use disputes with respect to the departments represented. Complaints could be read aloud in the meeting, and action plans generated to alleviate the situation.

Of note, LUEAG could be useful for zoning complaints/enforcement when it is implemented. The meeting, once a month could be catered by the commissioners to reward its department heads within the county, and boost morale.

If development and direction are needed, I would me more than glad to participate as a NON-VOTING coordinating volunteer of LUEAG.

Please respond within 30 days to this request, or announce a plan of devised by the Ravalli County Commissioners to protect residents from land use disputes.

Thank you,

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